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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING AWARD AND FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR MATERNAL, CHILD, AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR THE ANTICIPATED PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming award and future awards and/or amendments from the California Department of Public Health to support Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Programs.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept a forthcoming Letter of Allocation (LOA) from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to support Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Programs for the anticipated period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, at an estimated amount of \$4,732,849, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, review by Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management as needed, and notification to your Board and the CEO to include significant contractual provisions required by the State that depart from standard Board approved language, including insurance and indemnification.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the LOA that extend the term through June 30, 2019, at amounts to be determined by CDPH; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds;

adjust the term of the award through December 31, 2019; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to accept the LOA from CDPH to continue support of programs that improve health care for women of childbearing age, pregnant and parenting women, and children and their families by assuring access to quality care. The programs provide an array of strategic approaches to comprehensively impact maternal, child, and adolescent well-being in Los Angeles County. These include promoting and coordinating the delivery of a wide range of early, quality, and culturally competent perinatal services to Medi-Cal eligible pregnant and postpartum women and their children under the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program; provision of support services, education and referrals to parents and providers to address fetal and infant mortality and disparities under Fetal Infant Mortality Reporting (FIMR) and the Safe Sleep initiative to reduce deaths related to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); identification of risk factors for poor birth outcomes through the Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) and Los Angeles Health Overview of a Pregnancy Event (LA HOPE) surveys distributed to post-partum women countywide; promotion of breastfeeding and access to quality preconception and interconception care; coalition building and policy development to decrease morbidity and mortality of childhood asthma through the collaborative efforts of the Los Angeles County Asthma Coalition; and the development and implementation of evidence based strategies to reduce child, adolescent, and postpartum overweight. In addition, this funding will continue support for the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program to promote better health services for at-risk pregnant and parenting African American women and their children.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming LOA to extend and/or adjust the term of the award; reflect non-material to the terms and conditions; rollover unspent funds and/or redirect funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each term's annual base award. This recommended action will enable DPH to accept awards and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to six months beyond the original term, in those instances where there has been an unanticipated extension of the term to allow additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance DPH's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept a forthcoming LOA from CDPH for the anticipated period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in the estimated amount of \$4,732,849. Funds will support DPH personnel, operating expenses, and contractual expenditures associated with BIH agreements in the annual amount of \$1,559,476.

Funding for this award is included in DPH's Final Adopted Budget for fiscal year (FY) 2013-14 and will be requested in future FY's, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since 1981, MCAH program activities have been supported by federal Title V and federal Title XIX (Medicaid). Title XIX entitlement funds are accessed via matching of local funds to reimburse certain Medi-Cal administrative activities performed during the budget period. The Title V Block Grant discretionary funds are appropriated in the State budget each applicable FY. The State approves LOA budgets in one-year increments as part of the Application Funding Agreement submitted annually by DPH's MCAH Program that accounts for the planned expenditure of the State appropriated Title V and forecasted Title XIX revenues.

On November 3, 2010, your Board delegated authority to DPH to accept forthcoming LOAs from CDPH for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. On February 4, 2011, DPH exercised this authority to accept an LOA for FY 2010-11 in the amount of \$4,290,793; on November 1, 2012 an LOA for FY 2011-12 in the amount of \$4,093,015; and on June 5, 2013 an LOA for FY 2012-13 in the amount of \$4,462,020.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept LOAs from CDPH to continue MCAH Programs to improve health care for women of childbearing age, pregnant and parenting women, and children and their families and create awareness of the need for improved health care.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan E. Fielding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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